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Letter dated 23 July 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council

At the request of Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director-General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), a specialized institution of the Organization of the Islamic Conference with headquarters in Rabat, Morocco, I have the honour to convey the interest of ISESCO in obtaining observer status with the Economic and Social Council.

As a major intergovernmental organization, ISESCO is playing a useful role in supporting the educational, scientific and cultural development efforts of its 48 member States, all of whom are also States Members of the United Nations. Thus, its participation in the work of the Council in the capacity of observer should prove to be mutually helpful in pursuing common goals and objectives concerning social development at the national and international levels.

To facilitate the Council's consideration of this proposal, I am pleased to transmit the following documentation on ISESCO.**

1. The Charter
2. A guide to ISESCO, including a list of member countries
3. A booklet describing the mission and activities of ISESCO over the past 20 years
4. The latest financial statement
5. A list of cooperation agreements concluded between 1984 and 2002

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** The documents have been deposited with the Economic and Social Council secretariat and can be examined by Member States upon request.

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I would be grateful for your early submission of this proposal to the Economic and Social Council for consideration and I hope for a favourable outcome.

(*Signed*) Mokhtar **Lamani**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer